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Mr. Jason King, State Engineer
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Dear Mr. King,

I appreciate your comments regarding the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) in-state groundwater development project. This project, proposed to transfer unused groundwater from east-central Nevada to Southern Nevada, will supply a critical and much-needed future water resource for the Las Vegas Valley.

Nevada has long been dependent on the Colorado River for much of its drinking water needs. Drought conditions continue to impact Colorado River snow pack and water flows, making it imperative that local water managers diversify the community's water resource options. A diverse selection of available water supplies will provide greater protection from future drought and unknown implications from expected climate variation. The proposed groundwater development project will allow current and future resources to be more responsibly managed.

Local water managers have been discussing ways to develop in-state groundwater resources to meet future demands for more than 20 years. This public planning process has considered a number of factors, including environmental, social, and economic. The project remains essential, and will provide a crucial water resource that will be used to meet both existing and future demands, as well as protect the community from drought and other supply irrigations.

Southern Nevada residents, businesses, and community resources we depend on need a consistent and secure water supply. Our economic stability and regional progress are inextricably linked to available water sources. I support the in-state groundwater development project. It is a vital element to providing additional resources for Southern Nevada and a step to ensuring a reliable local water supply for our future.

Sincerely,



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